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Discussed with [redacted] of NRO, problems created by the public statement of Senator William Proxmire opposing the appointment of James Plummer as Under Secretary of the Air Force in the course of which Proxmire identified NRO's mission and functions. [redacted] said General Marion Boswell, Director of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, and he planned to call on Ron Tammen, Legislative Assistant to Proxmire, and try to point out to him the importance of protecting NRO's security. I said we would advise against getting into any controversial discussion on that matter through that channel although we saw no harm in a low-key approach. I said we hoped to raise the matter with Chairman McClellan, Senate Appropriations Committee, during our upcoming meeting with him and Senator Milton Young, and thought McClellan, would be in the best position to intercede with Proxmire, who is a member of that Committee.

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Later in the day, [redacted] called to say their meeting with Tammen had been uneventful but apparently unsuccessful since Tammen insisted that anything that had once been mentioned in the public record could no longer be considered classified.

3. [redacted] Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, called to say our meeting with Chairman McClelland and Senator Young regarding the community budget was being postponed, probably until tomorrow.

I told him we hoped to bring up the above-mentioned problem of Proxmire's public reference to the NRO program. He agreed this would be appropriate.

NRO review(s) completed.

DOS review(s) completed.

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